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WASHINGTON--A MONTH AFTER A SNIPER KILLED MARTIN LUTHER KING, THE FBI WAS "STILL LOOKING HARD" TODAY FOR THE MAN IT SAYS DID IT--AN EX-CONVICT WHO SPENT NEARLY A YEAR ESTABLISHING A FALSE IDENTITY.

THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS OF ANY IMMINENT BREAK IN THE SEARCH FOR JAMES EARL RAY, ALIAS ERIC STARVO GALT, ALTHOUGH THE MANHUNT FOR HIM HAD FOCUSED AT TIMES AROUND THE WORLD.

OFFICIALS SAID THERE WERE NO INDICATIONS THAT RAY HAD LEF THE COUNTRY DESPITE A RASH OF REPORTS FROM MEXICO, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, HONG KONG AND WEST GERMANY. THE OFFICIALS POINTED OUT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL REQUIRES IDENTIFICATION PAPERS THAT CAN EASILY BE CHECKED.

THE FBI HAS A FULL DOSSIER ON RAY, INCLUDING A FULL SET OF FINGERPRINTS, A DETAILED PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION FROM HIS TERMS IN VARIOUS PRISONS AND AN AMAZING ASSORTMENT OF PERSONAL HABITS.

BUT GALT, THE MAN THE FBI SAYS RAY WORKED ON ESTABLISHING FOR A YEAR BEFORE THE APRIL 4 ASSASSINATION OF KING, LEFT BEHIND LITTLE STATISTICAL DATA, PROBABLY BY DESIGN.

THERE IS GROWING BELIEF IN SOME OFFICIAL CIRCLES IN WASHINGTON THAT RAY ACTED ALONE IN ASSASSINATING KING IN MEMPHIS, ALTHOUGH THE ORIGINAL FBI WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST WAS BASED ON A CIVIL RIGHTS CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

RAY ALREADY IS WANTED ON A FEDERAL FUGITIVE WARRANT FOR ESCAPING THE MISSOUR STATE PENITENTIARY APRIL 23, 1967. DESPITE HIS RECORD OF ATTEMPTS TO ESCAPE, RECORDS FROM THE VARIOUS PRISONS WHERE HE SERVED SHOW HE WAS A MODEL PRISONER.

BUT THE RECORDS SHOW THAT TWICE, AT LEVENWORTH PRISON IN 1957 AND DURING HIS TERM IN MISSOURI PRISON, RAY TURNED DOWN OFFERS OF TRANSFERS TO MINIMUM CUSTODY SECTIONS BECAUSE THE HONOR CAMP DORMITORIES WEE INTEGRATED.

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